



**Request for City Council Committee Action  
From the City Attorney's Office**

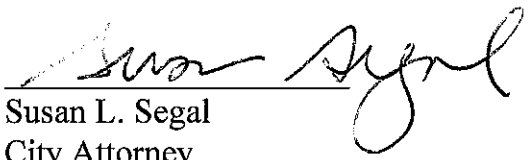
Date: October 9, 2012  
To: Ways & Means/Budget Committee  
Referral to:

**Subject:** Alicia Jean Olson v. City of Minneapolis  
Court File No.:

**Recommendation:** That the City Council approve the settlement of this case by payment of \$22,580.00 payable to Alicia Jean Olson and her attorney, Suter Law Office, from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145680 and authorize the City Attorney's Office to execute any documents necessary to effectuate settlement.

**Previous Directives:** None

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City Attorney

Presenter in Committee: Susan L. Segal, City Attorney

**Financial Impact:**(Check those that apply)

- ☐ No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).
- ☐ Action requires an appropriation increase to the \_\_\_\_\_ Capital Budget or \_\_\_\_\_ Operating Budget.
- ☐ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase.
- ☐ Action requires use of contingency or reserves.
- ☐ Business Plan: \_\_\_\_\_ Action is within the plan. \_\_\_\_\_ Action requires a change to plan.
- ☒ Other financial impact (Explain): \$22,580.00 from Fund/Org. 06900-1500100-145680
- ☐ Request provided to department's finance contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator.

**Community Impact:** Other

**Background/Supporting Information:**

This matter and subsequent claim arise out of a motor vehicle accident that occurred on April 23, 2007. On that date, Alicia Jean Olson was driving her car eastbound on Interstate Highway 94 three miles west of 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Maple Grove. A city truck, operated by Paul Duane Jerdee, was also then proceeding eastbound on Interstate Highway 94. As traffic began to slow suddenly, City employee Jerdee was unable to avoid rear-ending the Olson vehicle. State Patrol Sergeant Brian L. Polansky responded to the scene of the collision and in his accident report noted "driver inattention/distraction and illegal/unsafe speed" on the part of the City employee as the sole causes of the accident.

As a result of the crash, Ms. Olson sustained injuries and medical treatment expenses. She continues to suffer significant difficulties as a result of her injuries.

Following a mediation and extensive negotiations with her attorney, we have reached a tentative settlement of Alicia Jean Olson's personal injury claim against the City in the amount of \$22,580.00. This proposed settlement has been discussed with the Public Works Administration and they are in agreement with the terms. We believe that the settlement is in the best interests of the City and recommend approval by this Committee.

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